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SUBJECT: SHARP INCREASE IN YUGOSLAV-ASIAN CONTACTS

1. YUGOSLAVIA HAS BEEN INUNDATED DURING PAST TWO WEEKS WITH FLOOD OF ASIAN VISITORS, AMONG THEM LEE KWAN YEW (9/21/-25), NAEPALI KING BIRENDRA (9/23-28), PAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT FARUK ALI (9/23-27), AND TWO LOWER-RANKING DELEGATIONS FROM NORTH KOREA AND SOUTH VIETNAM. INDIAN PRESIDENT ALI AHMED SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE 9/30.

2. AMID THIS FLURRY OF VISITORS PREMIER BIJEDIC HAS DEPARTED ON A TOUR OF HIS OWN WHICH WILL TAKE HIM ON OFFICIAL VISITS TO NORTH VIETNAM AND PRC, AND ON WORKING VISITS TO SRI LANKA, INDIA AND SINGAPORE. TANJUG REPORTS BIJEDIC IS FIRST YUGOSLAV PREMIER EVER TO VISIT PRC, AND FIRST FOREIGN PREMIER TO VISIT HANOI SINCE "THE HISTORIC VICTORY OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE".

3. ASIAN VISITS TO YUGOSLAVIA APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY CEREMONIAL, BUT BIJEDIC'S TOUR MAY ADD SIGNIFICANCE TO THEM. FOLLOWING BIJEDIC'S RETURN WE WILL DO WRAPUP REPORT ON THIS LATEST PHASE OF YUGOSLAV-
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